Homegoing Celebration
for
Elder George Milton Cross, Sr.

Sunrise
February 22, 1922

Sunset
July 26, 1994

Tuesday, August 2, 1994
11:00 A. M.

Emmanuel Church Of God In Christ
1399 East 33rd Street
Los Angeles, California

Elder Lincoln Fuller
Officiant

It Won't Be Long

Verse 1:

It won't be long, It won't be very long
It won't be long, It won't be very long
It won't be long, It won't be very long
The Trump of God will sound, and I'll be gone

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
With Jesus I'll be going home

Verse 2:

When He calls, I'll answer, hear am I
When He calls, I'll answer, hear am I
When He calls, I'll answer, hear am I
My body will be change, in a twinkling of an eye.

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Verse 3:

If you have been redeemed, you'll hear Him when He calls.
If you have been redeemed, you'll hear Him when He calls.
If you have been redeemed, and in His love abide,
you'll fly away and meet Him in the sky.

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
I'll see you soon!

By: Dolores Cross

Active Pallbearers

Ministers & Deacons Of Emmanuel C.O.G.I.C.

Honorary Pallbearers

Grandsons

Derrick Spencer
Jason Cross
Kevin Howard Cross
Samuel Simmons
Gregory McCoy, Jr.
Johnny Pour

Weeping may endure for a night but, joy comes in the morning. You fought a good fight, you finished your course and you kept the faith. I know your crown of righteousness is beautiful, for you have well deserved it. Yes, I am going to miss you but, when I see that ray of sun light peeping through the clouds, I know you are still watching and caring for me. Thank you for being the best Daddy a girl could want. I love you, I love you, I love you.

"Your" Baby,
Mick-Michelle

Order of Celebration

Final Glance

Processional

Praise & Worship

Prayer....Elder Lewis

Scripture
OLd Testament ~ Psalms 27....Bro. Weatherall
New Testament ~ Romans 1:13-17...Bro. Davis

My Tribute ~ "We Shall Behold Him"....Grechelle McCoy

Remarks
Eld. Akridge ~ West Los Angeles Representative
Eld. McLacklan ~ Calvary Immanuel

Solo...."How Great Thou Art"....Hulynne Beshratpour

Remarks (3 minutes please)
Friends, Neighbors, Sis. Allen & Eld. McCoy

Instrumental Solo....Bro. Freeman

Acknowledgments & Resolutions....Mother Bankhead

Special Remarks....Rev. Melvin Cross of Point A. LaHache, LA

Reflections Of Life....Sis. Weatherall

Solo...."I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"....Dr. Noah Shumate

Eulogy....Eld. L. Fuller

Benediction

Interment

Angeles Abbey Cemetery
1515 East Compton Blvd.
Compton, CA

Reflections Of Life

On George Washington's Birthday, 1922 in New Orleans, Louisiana, the 15th child of Hicks Aaron and Laura Cross was born, George Milton Cross. He had a quiet, lovable nature and was especially indulged by his older sisters. His father was killed by a car when George was thirteen. To help support the family, George and his older brother quit school. Both later returned to school and completed their education. Learning from his uncle, George became interested in the dry cleaning industry, and thus began his life's vocation. He was very sucessful in his work, owning and operating his own cleaners. He taught his children how to serve others through the business. In 1940, Dolores, a good friend of George's became a widow with a new baby girl. Two years later, on November 3, 1942, George and Dolores married. From this union was born three daughters and a son. The family moved to California in 1951 following Jackie's , the oldest daughter, eye accident. (Jackie preceded him in death in 1986). George accepted Christ at an early age in the Baptist Church. He knew very little about holiness. After years of prayer and coercion from the children, he was born again and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1954. He heeded his call for evangelism, and joined his wife at Tridestone Church of God in Christ. George was ordained by Bishop Crouch in 1963. Elder Cross ministry was Personal Evangelism and assisting other churches. George heard the call "come over here and help us" at Calvary Community Church. He conferred with Bishop Crouch, who advised him to put his membership there and let the Lord be his guide. He was a faithful servant. He and his wife evangelized at Calvary for 10 years, and was blessed to see the church come into the C.O.G.I.C. body.

Following a major heary attack in 1980, he sold his last cleaners and joined his wife ministering to children in her Christian Day School. He was loved by both parents and children. George worked faithfully for seven years at the school. On October 31, 1992, after 50 years of marriage and World War II, George and Dolores finally celebrated their Golden Anniversary which was sponsored by their children, George and Dolores had a beautiful wedding ceremony. Elder Cross was a family man, devoted to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was very proud of their many accomplishments. He could testify to many miracles that God brought him through. Elder Cross slipped away suddenly mid-afternoon on Tuesday, July 26, 1994.

He leaves to rejoice in his homegoing a loving wife, Dolores, three caring daughters, Cheryl Simmons, Michelle McCoy of Compton, California and Kathleen Christy of Salt Lake City, Utah; one devoted son, George, Jr. of Irvine, California; three sons-in-law, Alonzo Simmons, Geogory McCoy and Raymond Christy, four sisters, Hattie Taylor, Rhonda White of San Francisco, California, Ida Spencer, Ruby Brown of New Orleans, Louisiana; one sister-in-law, Ollie Cross of Vallejo, California; three brothers-in-law, Irell Ward of Bell-flower, California, Charles Ward of New York, Benjamin Taylor of Compton, California; eleven grandchildren, Antonia, Hulynne, Kevin, Derrick, Samuel, Letitia, LaShonda, Jason, Amelia, Gre'chelle and Gregory, Jr.; six great-grandchildren, Lauren, DeAndre', Joshua, Devin, Ozra and Elham; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and the Emmanuel Church Family.

Acknowledgments

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral peace, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you sang a cheerful song, if so we heard it all.
Perhaps you prayed a sincere prayer, or came to pay a call.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Perhaps you prepared a tasty dish, or maybe furnished a car;
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, by word or deed or touch'
Whatever was the kindly part, we thank you...oh so very much!

The Family of Elder George M. Cross, Sr.

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